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Applicants	:	Alexander S. Fater, Urs F. Nager,)	Examiner:
	:	Christopher Palagi, Christine M. Svelnis,)	Unknown
	:	and Mark A. Wojcicki)	
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Attention: Office of Petitions
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I, Gunnar G. Leinberg, declare:

1. I am a registered patent attorney with the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP.
2. In the Spring of 2002, Nixon Peabody LLP was requested to represent Applicants' employer, Anderson Power Products.
3. In conjunction with this Anderson Power Products' patent files, including the above-identified patent application, were transferred to Nixon Peabody LLP from Richard J. Birch, Applicant's former patent attorney.
4. At a meeting at Anderson Power Products in May of 2002 to discuss the status of intellectual property law matters, we learned that Applicants were not aware that the above-identified patent application had become abandoned.

5. Shortly thereafter, Anderson Power Products requested us to prepare and file a petition to revive the above-identified patent application.

6. Beginning in June of 2002, we began to gather the necessary information to respond to the outstanding Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application for the above-identified patent application.

7. Additionally, we located and contacted applicant's former attorney, Richard J. Birch, to inquire about the underlying facts and circumstances regarding the abandonment of the above-identified patent application.

8. In response to our inquiry, in early August of 2002 Applicant's former attorney, Richard J. Birch, told us there was no express abandonment of the above-identified patent application and he did not receive any instructions from his former client to abandon the above-identified patent application.

9. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

Date: September 4, 2002

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DECLARATION OF MARK A. WOJCICKI

Attention: Office of Petitions
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Dear Sir:

I, Mark A. Wojcicki, declare:

1. I am the Director of Research and Development at Anderson Power Products and one of the named inventors for the above-identified patent application.
2. The above-identified patent application was filed on August 16, 1999 on behalf of the Applicants by Richard J. Birch.
3. At that time, Richard J. Birch was the patent attorney representing Applicants' employer, Anderson Interconnect, Inc.
4. In the Spring of 2002, Nixon Peabody LLP began to represent Anderson Power Products.
5. In conjunction with this Anderson Power Products' patent files, including the above-identified patent application, were transferred to Nixon Peabody LLP from Richard J. Birch, Applicant's former patent attorney.

6. At a meeting in May of 2002 to discuss the status of intellectual property law matters, to the best of my knowledge the Applicants first became aware that the above-identified patent application had become abandoned.

7. Prior to that meeting, to the best of my knowledge the Applicants believed the above-identified patent application was still pending before the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office ("Office").

8. To the best of my knowledge, the Applicants were not aware that a Notice To File Missing Parts Of Application and/or a Notice of Abandonment for the above-identified patent application had been mailed by the Office.

9. Shortly after that meeting, I requested that Nixon Peabody LLP prepare and file a petition to revive the above-identified patent application.

10. I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon.

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